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Why do we bother was the cry from those people that attended the group meeting / AGM on Thursday 19th October. I wonder myself, as only 7 people attended, and these were the same 7, dedicated group members who pulled themselves out of their comfortable chairs and warm houses and ventured out into the cold, Thursday night. As I stood outside my house waiting for Steve Rider to pick me up, and watching the Space Station gliding overhead, I wondered... How many would turn up this time...?

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Oally Mail, Tuesday, November 7, 2000

Crop circle hoaxer fined for mocking the 'experts'

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European FT Initiative.

Calling all UFO Research Groups in both the United Kingdom & on the European Mainland. An attempt to track the black triangular-shaped UFO across Europe during the years 1993 - 1997 is underway. Based upon Project FT's database which contains some 7,000 sighting reports, additional FT reports are required which will be added to the database and which may possibly reveal just where the FT has its entrance / exit windows. All contributors will receive a report of our findings:

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One group member had phoned to say that she couldn't make and I thank her very much. But what happened to everyone else !! I have decided, that our Christmas meeting will be invite only and I am afraid, I will be inviting those people only over the past 11 months who have attended the meetings and given support to the group. I do not see why, the group has to pay for those members who cannot or do not appear to be interested in the group just purely for the newsletter and nothing else. We have held a number of sky watches and group meetings over the past 11 months. Each time, the same 7 or so dedicated members have attend these events and given their 100% support. The final nail

in the coffin to say, was the 21st of October open meeting, where only 16 out of a possible 45 attended and the group lost £58 of its own money in putting this event on... See write up that follows. I felt really embarrassed for the speakers, Ernie Sears, Myself and Chris Martin who all put on a selection of lectures that kept those who attended sat in their seats and Chris Martin's was a very interesting lecture indeed. Due to personal reasons, I have passed a few 'jobs' over to members of the group, which we agreed to at the AGM and their positions are printed in newsletter.

I am going to sit back and consider the future of the group over the next six months and by the 1st of January 2001, I will be deciding whether SUFOG will be in existence or whether it is time to call it a day as a group.

THE TIMOTHY GOOD LECTURE WATERSTONES BOOK SHOP 25th OCTOBER 2000.

Having collected Steve Rider from his home address, we headed to Southampton for Tim Good's talk. We arrived at 7 p.m. as the doors were being unlocked and managed to grab a front row seat. Group member Bill Smith was observed sat with Tim having a private interview. I saw Graham Sheppard (Former B.A pilot and UFO witness) and took an early chance of some photos and a private chat. Tim and Bill joined us and we again grabbed the opportunity for a quick chat and group photo's.

Tim Good took centre stage and started his talk. Tim's new book 'Unearthly Disclosure' contains new material and new cases. He looks at Graham Sheppard's 'Displacement' incident, when Graham, flying near the Arecibo Telescope in Puerto Rico, suddenly found himself 25 miles off course in a split second! Tim also looked at such cases as the Filiberto Caponi photos of an alleged alien being / creature, taken in October 1993 in Italy. He talked about cattle mutilations, the Chupacabra and updating the Varginha incident of January 1996. Tim also explores some Alien Contact cases and although they date back to the 70's, he has 5 chapters in the book covering such incidents. Tim's talk was in effect a prece of the book 'Unearthly Disclosure' and reading through the book, he gave an excellent overview of the books contents.

At the end of Tim's talk, there was time for Q / A's of which Graham was included and lasted for around 20 minutes or so. There were questions covering Roswell, The Autopsy, Nick Pope, Government Cover-up's etc. Also, Tim related a UFO sighting he a few years ago. Then, it was time for Tim to sign his new book and again, time for a few photographs. One chap came up to me and told me I wasn't allowed to take photo's as I was in a public meeting. Funny, I had asked Tim, Graham and the organisers, and they said it was all right! This chap said that I had to ask the individual members of the public if they wanted to be included in the photos. Funny, I was photographing Tim signing books, but from BEHIND those other people in the photo, in other words, the backs of their heads !!! He then said that if I took a photograph of him, he would take the film from me and demand all copies of him in the photos..!!!!! What planet was this guy on !!! When I said 'Lets sought this out outside'... He quickly went back in the hole he had just came from !!!!. Finally, Bill Smith grabbed a private interview with Graham Sheppard to round off the evening.

I thoroughly enjoyed this talk and meeting Tim and Graham and I hopefully can speak for Steve Rider and Bill Smith in saying what an thoroughly interesting night and who knows, maybe Tim would like to visit SUFOG in the new year!

REPORT ON THE SUFOG OPEN DAY 21ST OCTOBER 2000. By STEVE GERRARD.. (THE DISGRUNTLED SUFOG CHAIRMAN)

What a diabolical day... The weather was as it was a year ago, wet, damp and miserable. I arrived at 7.45 a.m. and started to set up the seating, tables etc. Group member Steve Rider arrived a little later on with his 28 inch TV and video recorder and set about setting this up. By 9 a.m., there was myself, Steve Rider and Jean Smith to set the whole event up and no one else bothered to arrive early to help us (by this, I mean those group members who said that they would be early to help set up and help with the tickets sales, book sales etc). Then, 10 a.m. arrived, and 6 people were in the room (including Steve R, Steve G and Jean Smith !!!!). So, I decided to start 10 minutes later and by then, there was 16 people in the hall !!!!. Out of these, 4 were not group members...

So there you have it, SUFOG members stubb group events and fail to support us again. How do you think I felt, when the main speaker arrived to be faced by 16 people in a room capable of holding 100 people!!! There had been plenty of advertising with the event appearing in local papers and on the local radio. All group members had been reminded about the event well, well in advance i.e. up 8 months ago, yet people couldn't be bothered to support us for a measly £5.00 for the day. If it wasn't for Steve Rider I am afraid I would of given the group up months ago. Others in the group that support us on a regular basis are Davina Reynolds, Jean and Bill Smith, Karl Spencer-Smith, Ernie Sears and Sabrina Roberts.

The day went well, with me starting the day off with video footage from our skywatches over the past few years which seemed to go well. Ernie Sears gave his lecture and seemed to the 'small' audience laughing along with one or two witty remarks. We broke for lunch and everyone disappeared apart from 4 people... During this time, 2 people came in the hall, walked around the stands, stood and watched the screen and then just walked out again!!!! Then, someone else who I have had dealings with in the past and is one person I stay away from if I can, came in. Steve Rider asked if he had a ticket and he said no. He just wanted to have one or two words with Chris Martin (What a bloody cheek!!!!). He then looked around and walked out!!!

Then in the afternoon, Chris gave an excellent lecture showing the video footage that he has taken of orbs flying over London. These things have been flying in the busiest airwaves in the world, yet Chris has captured up to 3 objects at once in the air in formation. He 'calls' the object to a certain area and there they appear. As he said, he normally has a 30% hit rate when he 'calls' the objects. Not bad, especially when you see the kind of footage that he has captured. Chris's lecture lasted for 90 minutes and kept the audience on the edge of their seats...

The meeting ended the last 20 mins or so with me standing at the front of the audience showing part of our 1999 visit to Avebury and having a general discussion further about the group and crop circles.

So, where do we go from here... It is quit obvious that group members are no longer in attending group monthly meetings and our special once a year event. What does the group have to do.. Drop the tickets to £1 each.... I bet group members would flood to events if we did this... Then the group would lose more than we did this time of £20... I wonder if you realise how much work, arrangements and organisation goes into putting on this 1 day event.. Advertising, phone calls, letter writing, booking venues, publicity and getting the venue ready for the event.... This last event took us some 8 months to organise etc and what... 16 People!!!!!

ANOTHER MAGAZINE GOES BY THE WAYSIDE..

Group member Robert Fisher has just sent me a copy of SC No.92 Sept/Oct 2000 edited by Andy Thomas. Unfortunately, the last issue will be published in February 2001 'It is time to close the book on 'SC', and in its place a new web site'... Editor Andy Thomas's words Sorry, but what about the readers / subscribers that do not have access to the internet. SUFOG has a large number that do not internet access and relies on the newsletter to keep them up to speed in the world of UFO's and Crop Circles. SUFOG will continue with our newsletter and our web site to keep you informed.

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When one reads all of the articles concerning Matthew Williams being prosecuted for creating a hoaxed crop circle formation, one thinks of sour grapes. According to Prof. Michael Glickman, Matthew Williams seems to have had it in for him since he (Glickman) moved to Wiltshire and Matthew has been a serious problem to him with abusive letters, e.mails and phone calls... Why? As Matthew says, 'All I want to do is to engage him in a proper discussion about crop circles'. So, why is Prof. Glickman frightened of Matthew.. In the Daily Express for the 9th November, the article mentions 'His (Glickman) enthusiasm began 11 years ago when he started exploring the theory that the geometrical forms might represent the means by which alien forces were trying to communicate with Earth...' "I (Glickman) have no doubt that there are vastly superior intelligence's out there who want to make contact", he said, "They don't speak English, so what is the universal language - numbers and shapes." since then he has written and lectured widely on the crop circle phenomenon all over the world.

YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS ... I mean to say, if there is a vastly superior intelligence out there, couldn't they do better than making pretty pictures in the Corn Fields of the world... Wasn't it Colin Andrews who recently said that "80% of all crop circles are man-made, and only 20% are a genuine phenomenon".

This whole fiasco started with Matthew Williams listening to a radio program on the Internet, where Michael Glickman said it was impossible to replicate a 7 pointed star as a 'crop circle'. So, Matthew decided with an unknown friend to prove Mr. Glickman wrong and over three nights created the seven pointed star formation. He e.mailed Mr. Glickman and told him that he had created the formation. Then Mr. Glickman showed the farmer the photos that Matthew had posted on the Internet and the rest as they say is history. Matthew ends up in court and leaves £140 poorer. Sour grapes? I think so... Matthew showed Glickman that it could be done and Glickman was shown up in a big way.

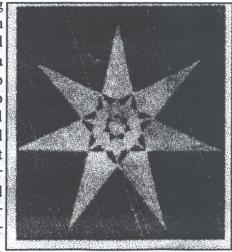
I do not condone what Matthew did by causing criminal damage to the farmers crop. But Matthew proved Mr. Glickman wrong and paid the price.

This seems to be the current state of crop circle research and the bickering and the back stabbing that goes on. They are turning on each other for what end. In the article, Mr. Glickman states 'Colin Andrews was once our hero. Nowadays he's just interested in promoting Colin Andrews'. Fine, but at least Colin Andrews has got the balls to stand up and be counted and say that 80% of crop circle formations are man-made. In the main photograph of Mr. Glickman, on the wall are photo's and pictures of crop circle formations. The funny thing is, one formation, has been reported in the press (Daily Mail) has been shown and proven to be a hoaxed formation. Yet, there it bloody well is on the wall behind Mr. Glickman. Strange that don't you think.

Personally, I get sick of these so call researchers who cannot take the truth for what it is. Matthew proved that and I wish him good luck in further research and other circles he creates that proves the so called croppies wrong.

As for me, well, I am quit happy to go along with Colin Andrews and say that yes, 80% are man made and if I stand up like Matthew, I would happily say that 99.9% of all formations found are man made, with nature throwing in the 'ODD' formation for luck. Crop Circles will always be around for time to come and yes, they look nice from the air and yes, a lot of 'Croppies'

are making money from it, but it will always be a mystery to those who go round blinkered and cannot see further than the end of their noses. As for alien beings,



well, wouldn't you be insulted if you were told ... 'Sorry green guy, but unless you draw pretty pictures in the fields of the world, I don't bloody well understand what you are saying'... Turn to page 19 of the newsletter to read a few more points that have been raised since this all this S**T hit the fan as they say

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SPEAKER AVAILABLE..

If you are planning any conferences in 2001/2 or one off speakers for your groups, then I am more than willing to offer my services for a talk. After some 22 years within the field of UFOlogy, I have amassed a large amount of UFO information and material. I normally speak about my involvement and then go on to talk about some of the cases that the Southampton UFO Group has been involved in over the years. I can show video, audio and slide material and we currently hold video material that has not been shown outside of the group and not even to the MoD and the U.S Navy who wanted to see one of them. So, please, feel free to ring me and maybe we can arrange something. All I would need is a travelling expenses and somewhere to lay my head. Also, if you have a large table, then I can bring along some of our video, audio, and CD ROM material that we have to sell. So, no exorbitant speakers fees (well £00.00), and I promise you a good talk..

Steve Gerrard (Chairman Southampton UFO group)

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I must apologise for the last edition of the newsletter September / October for being late in publication as I was recently kept in hospital having suffered chest pains and a possible heart attack. As I write this, I am happy to say that this was not so, BUT, tests are still on-going to find out the actual causes of the chest pains and hopefully I will know more in a few more weeks. Please bear with me and I hope to get the newsletter back on track over the coming months.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. STEVE GERRARD

The 19th Leeds International UFO Conference 15th - 17th September 2000

Report by SUFOG secretary Steve Rider..

Friday 15th

Due to someone deciding that it was a good idea to blockade fuel depots, our trip to Leeds was almost called off. However, we made the decision to go on the train. great idea as this meant I did not have to drive, but it did mean that certain bank balances went 'OUCH'

Never mind, by 9.45 a.m. we were on our way. What a trip he had in store. We reached Waterloo, made our connections and were on the train to Leeds by 12.30 p.m. It was then a Two and a half hour trip to Leeds (Great !), still, it wasn't that boring, especially when a certain founder member of the group caught his moustache in the ring pull of his Coke can. When we reached Leeds it was raining cats and dogs, we were facing a walk to the hotel that we could have done without. Still, fifteen minutes later, we were in the warm and facing two huge Great Dane dogs who wanted to check us out! We dumped our stuff in our room and took a walk around Leeds centre to find the venue and have something to eat. This done, we returned to the hotel to wash up ready for the evening.

We reached the venue a little before 6 p.m. with a view to catching up with a few people. We spoke to Mark Birdsall on the door and then had a browse around the stalls 90% of which were Quests, the other 10% being Chris Martins stall. We stopped and had a chat to Chris about his book and his lecture in October, after which it was obvious that he was a top guy. I then had a chance to meet one of the people who I came to Leeds to see, Larry Warren. I managed to talk with him for 10 - 15 minutes and have a couple of photos taken. Larry is a brilliant guy, had I not have spoken to anyone else that weekend it would not have mattered, I was made up by now already.

In to the auditorium for the beginning of the nights events. First up was an armchair forum between Graham Birdsall and Alan Godfrey, who spoke about the Zigmund Adamski case and also his own UFO encounter. I had a chance to speak to Alan briefly that weekend and found him to be a really nice bloke. Again, I am over the moon that I was able to

introduce myself and shake his hand.

After the brief interlude it was the turn of Chris Martin to take to the chair. Chris showed some of his footage and spoke about some of his experiences. I must say that some of his footage was exceptional, especially the footage of two spheres joined by a tether of some sort, it was just breathtaking.

After Chris Martin, Graham introduced several of his other speakers to the audience, just to give them a few minutes to give everyone a taster of what was to come. However, this resulted in the evening running over by about 30 minutes.

Then it was back to the hotel for a couple of beers before turning in for an early start the next day.

Saturday 16th

After a shower and a quite superb breakfast it was off to the shops for a quick look round and some munchies for lunchtime, then back to the hotel to get our stuff and off to the venue.

After a quick walk round and chat with a few people it was into the auditorium for the day's events, and we were in for a cracking day. The line up for the day was this:

Dr. Steven Greer
Lunch
Larry Warren and Peter Robbins
Break
David Cayton
Studio debate with Nick Redfe

Studio debate with Nick Redfern and Nick Pope with input from other speakers.

The day was kicked off in tremendous fashion with Steve Greer MD, giving a quite superb lecture on his experiences and his moves to bring 'Disclosure' from those within governments and military etc. who know the truth. Dr. Greer touched on just about everything you can think of, from the paranormal to UFO's and New forms of energy. Just to prove how powerful his lecture was, he brought with him about 97 copies of his new book, 'Extraterrestrial Contact', priced at £20 each. These were sold out in less than Two minutes. I was one of those who

bought a copy, which shows just how impressed I was with his presentation.

During the lunch interval, I did my first on camera interview, when I asked Nick Redfern a couple of questions. we also set up interviews with Chris Martin, Larry Warren and Peter Robbins. I was beginning to wonder what questions I would ask and whether I would look like a complete Pratt or not!

It was then time for the moment I had been waiting for, Larry Warren and Peter Robbins presentation. Peter discussed some of the finer points of the case, with an overview of what was happening to date. He then passed on to Larry, who talked about his role in the affair and the fact that this would be his final lecture as 'Airman Larry'. He also talked at length about debunkers and their role in the case, a fact that basically should now shut them all up. Then came the highlight of his presentation. Larry showed some pictures that had been given to him, which showed light phenomena. This light phenomena had been photographed during the first nights confrontation in Rendlesham Forest. One photo showed light phenomena attached to the object as it hovered in a clearing, approximately 10ft off the ground. Larry spoke very matter-of-fact, and throughout his presentation you could really get a feel for why he is calling it a day after 18 years.

There then followed a brief armchair forum, to discuss some points that were not given out in either of the presentations. Then it was time for another brief break. This was time for me to catch up with Peter and get my copy of 'Left at East Gate' signed alongside Larry's signature which I had got earlier in the day. On my way back to the auditorium Steve G grabbed me to let me know he was going to get another camcorder tape to be sure he had enough in case we needed it.

Next to make his presentation was David Cayton, who gave an informative talk and slide show presentation on his investigations into the mutilation phenomena. It was interesting to note the response of certain government agencies to his request for help. What was also very interesting was his accounts of disappearances of herds of cattle and sheep, this included one farm which had at least three recorded events of this nature. I commend David for his talk, especially as it was the first time he has done such a presentation.

It was now time for the last event of the day, the studio debate with Nick Redfern and Nick Pope.

Both began by giving their own short talk on how to progress in research. It was interesting to note how Nick Redfern spoke on how it is impossible now to get our hands on the documentation that we need. he said that it was time to find other ways to get at this information, for instance via the use of computer hackers. Hacking may seem like a radical, and also criminal method of getting this information, but it could be the only way to go. This was an interesting debate that was destined to run over the time allotted to it, especially once Graham had introduced other speakers into the fray. However, I would like to add one point there that I feel should be noted, this being Nick Popes attitude during Nick Redfern's talk. For the whole time that Nick Redfern was speaking, Pope just sat and stared at the floor, a point that both Steve G and myself felt was very ignorant of Mr. Pope. The least he could have done was to give his rival his attention during his talk, the same way that Mr. Redfern had given his attention during Mr. Popes talk. Never mind, I guess some people are like that.

Having over run again Steve G. and I made our way back to the hotel, only to find they did not serve evening meals at weekends. So. it was down to the take away for a hearty meal consisting of Donor Kebab and chips, mine with a nice helping of chilli sauce (UMM, NICE!!). Steve G chickened out of this!!! So, we settled down to eat our meal in the hotel T.V. lounge, switched on the T.CV. to find we were watching Channel 4, guess what was on? 'Riddle of the Skies'... Now was this a coincidence or what!

Sunday 17th

Up early and down for another crackin' breakfast we were into our last day and knew that we had to miss some of the last two presentations in order to get the train home. We were at the venue just before 10 a.m. and we managed to get a rather fragile Chris Martin to sit down and have a quick chat. At least we were expecting a quick chat, this turned into a good 30 minutes of interview and chat.

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SUFOG DIARY - 2001..

I have added a separate page listing all dates for 2001 that are subject to change at any time especially where the weather is concerned.

if in doubt about an outside event or any event for that matter, please contact the editorial address.

STEVE GERRARD

Beyond The UFO Phenomena, or 'The Third Alternative' For Human Origins. By L.Mason Jones.

For the last couple of decades, my interest has been in the mysteries and unexplained anomalies connected with human origins and how this miraculous biological transition from the true pongid apes to humans occurred. I am aware that the subject of E.T's being involved in some biogenetic creation process with the primates has been in place for decades.

Being open minded on the subject of *origins* I decided to look at the theory closely. I have to say, that where I expected to be looking at sheer science fiction, I was rather surprised how many puzzling features regarding the primary belief systems held by the so-called 'Evolutionists' and 'Creationists' seemed to become explainable. I have compiled a list of them for anyone interested in computing what it all adds up to.

This of course, may have already evaluated 'behind closed doors' as it were. And the result may have been seen as a much more profound reason for a cover-up than that UFO's may be controlled structured craft. Then of course, the UFO phenomenon becomes one of a whole series of items with the common denominator being this third alternative for human origins.

Science in general, derides phenomena that cannot be tested, yet almost to a man, they accepted a theory that stated 'chimps and gorillas were man's closest living relative' when not a single ancient fossil had been found when Darwin wrote 'Origins' and so, could not be tested at all. In my opinion Darwin got away with this quite breathtaking assumption simply because an alternative to the incredible story in Genesis, which modern advancement deemed mystic and unscientific had emerged.

I call this subject 'The Third Alternative', with the other two of course, being Divine creation, of the Genesis kind, [and who is to say it didn't happen?] and of course the Darwinian concept. Only those who take the trouble to study it, will realise, how little evidence exists to support the Darwinian theory. The rest are gently conditioned by constant references chimpanzee 'cousins' and ape-like 'ancestors' [which of course they may well be] and an assumption that the theory is unassailable. Darwin stated, 'if fossil links are not found then the theory falls down.' Today we do not possess a single skeleton of an ancient ancestor that could be described as 100% complete.

A recent programme on television was wrong in describing 'Lucy' [a pithecoid creature] as a complete skeleton. It only consists of 40% of its frame and has many ape-like features, and like every fossil, is the subject of dispute in the most contentious of all sciences. We do have plenty of bone fossils of the anatomically modern Cro-Magnon / Aurignation peoples, and some Neanderthal finds, but Cro-Magnon was not related to, not did he interbreed with them. No viable family tree can be traced back to any of the strange pithecoid Hominids, whose skulls are made up of hundreds of fragments [in one case 400] and finished off with plaster.

There are some 190 or so varieties of primate and anything preceding Cro-Magnon could be seen as just another variety. Don Johansen the American anthropologist said 'Bipedalism did not guarantee humans.' There are no fossil links at all, and almost nothing is known, about the process that would prove a transition from true pongid apes to the **Hominids**.

Charles Darwin's contemporary Alfred Russell Wallace, diverted completely from the theory because of the unique human qualities and saw some 'unknown variable' being responsible for them.

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NEWSPAPER REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS ESQ.

THE DAILY MAIL ... July 14th... seemed to open up the media going mad season on crop circles.. If you saw this in the mag. last time apologies I have an ENORMOUS pile here and the 'shredded wheat' formation shown in a fullpage spread looks too perfect to be a genuine creation. Later claimed by those professional hoaxers I think... probably sponsored by Shredded Wheat! Doug Bower disclaimed all knowledge of the thing, deriding those who wanted to kid themselves!

THE MAIL ON SUNDAY, 3rd September (odd, the day the last war broke out !) with Lundberg, Dickinson, and Russell showing how they hoax formations at night with the proverbial plank of wood and ropes plus a 140 foot tape.. be careful the EU weights and measures lot don't charge you for that... they claim to do a formation in a few hours... thus ignoring the ones that form in mist etc with nearby croppies unaware, taking seconds. allegedly ARE THE ALIENS' ran the headline to which I saluted them with two fingers.

THE GLENROTHIES GAZETTE for September 27th which Elaine Waite sent in from London showed two apparently triangular craft between clouds, snapped on September 5th by a local man with his new digital camera from his Scottish garden. Other sightings in the area had been in 1997 of a 'large

triangular object that hovered', and two women and their children who claimed an alien encounter near the village of Newton, were haunted by flashbacks in the following months.

THE DAILY MAIL was at it again on October 20th with the story of how Avebury stone circle had been buried there for 'centuries' until wealthy archaeologist Alexander Keiller bought the village in the 1930's and restored the stones to their original position. So guide books don't tell you its a more modern re-creation. Does it matter? He sold the site to the National trust in 1943.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD of October 29th ran a fullpage story on the Rendlesham Forest alleged landing... 'new evidence is being unveiled' ran the article... eminent author Georgina Bruni (?) contains that famous Colonel Halt tape account in her new book, "You Can't Tell The People", published by Macmillan in November... The title allegedly a comment Georgina had with Mrs Thatcher at a social function. The author felt that the ex-Prime Minister knew what she was talking about! Georgina has spoken to Halt and Ex-Sargent Adrian Bustinza... the latter sticking to his "ALIEN" story.

THE DAILY EXPRESS entered the crop circle fray on November 7th with a "Crop Circle Riddle Solved" headline when one of our very own... but not now !... Matthew Williams was actually charged by the police, apparently tipped off by an academic, Prof. Glickman, who challenged Matthew to create a seven pointed star as no human, he said, could do it. They can! Matthew did! and set the whole crop circle phenomenon on it's beam ends. Nasty. The whole thing smacks of a set-up instigated by revenge.

THE DAILY MAIL of November 9th featured crop circle expert... if ever there was one... Lucy Pringle's long but factual letter in the papers "Letter Page", while two other letter writers headed "Alien Graffiti" and "Not a Believer"... well, the titles speak for themselves... closed minds!

THE DAILY EXPRESS.. not to be outdone... said "Croppies Square Up On The Field Of Battle" on November 9th, too, relishing the mistaken belief that "war" was being declared !... "A long-running feud" and "new heights of bitterness" and such, given full journalistic licence. Glickman staked his claim the "no human hands could create formations in darkness, in silence" etc... Colin Andrews chipped in with his belief that 20% of formations are NOT hoaxes.

PSYCHIC NEWS which I've bought for many years featured two consecutive issues of Lucy Pringle's sensational formation

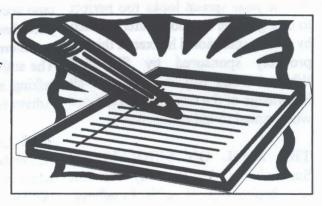
photos and her words of wisdom... the whole taking up the two centre pages... and there's no shifting Lucy... some of the alleged hoaxes are dismissed with hardly a sniff of disbelief. Interesting to note the list of strange incidents that take place in and around formations... our own SUFOG weekend at Avebury etc in June produced various feelings in those of us who ventured within while others... the Two Steve's, for example... felt NOTHING! Even the claimed hoaxed creations do this... methinks the earth energies that exist in such places account for much.. several visits over the years have proved this to me... and others.. didn't they, Bill?

THE DAILY MAIL. 11th and 13th November... ran a two day three page resume each day excerpts from Timothy Good's new book... written Timothy himself... which must have blown the minds of the normally unfascinated! Full rein and maybe too much more given to the headlines and illustrations of the Aliens Under The Sea story line... and subtitles like "Forget UFO's, something fishy (ouch !) going on in the Caribbean"... which most of us, surely, have known about for YEARS... thanks to Timothy Good among others! The Mail throws in Dracula and that huge green oddball monster from "This Island Earth" for good measure which should shock the kiddywinks from their slumbers and provoke hilarity from the vast mass of adults who still sleep in ignorance of the truth! Don't think that's the last of all that... and it may account for the sudden upsurge in interest in SUFOG resulting in new members, who knows?

THE SUNDAY SPORT... what else COULD it be ?.. waded in on the 19th November with it's mid issue page PROBABLY cashing in on Timothy Good's current book with "underground bases" in detail.. and the headlines that we ought not to worry about aliens invading... THEY'RE ALREADY HERE! Well, many of us know that already, again! The article needs a huge helping of salt... not just a pinch.. but with no doubt reach that readership who read the erotic bits first before turning to UFO's... Richard, my local newspaper shop manager who supplies UFO stuff to me, pre-warned me of the papers content and reputation but I assured him I have a VERY open mind! Inevitably, the article carries the standard Mulder and Scully photos, a photo of an alleged 'flying saucer' as they call it, and the Sport also claims to have 'uncovered Martian Bases Around

the World!' Leading alien expert Dr. Barney Samuels (anyone know of him?) says 'this is something straight from the X-Files'. Phew! The mind boggling article lists in detail just what those pesky aliens and the various Governments are up to, including; 'major political leaders are manipulated here', and; 'bigger ships from around the galaxy dock here with alien supplies', while; 'this base employs Asian workers but kills them when their work is don'. Well, there you go... a demeaning conclusion to this cuttings review, eh?

Quite enough to be going on with, Bye!



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

Very short supply of magazines this issue... maybe a bumper Christmas come Millennium outburst being saved... for what?

UFO MAGAZINE by the Quest Organisation on the newstands with the usual high gloss production... sub titled on the front cover with... 'The Truth Is Coming'... whether that is another 'don't hold your breath' ploy or something definite....

Those mysterious... or are they ?... spheres are featured again... reports hint strongly at increasing numbers and UFO Magazine's article shows their existence for many many years. Fully illustrated review of the Leeds Conference which our trusty Steve G and Steve R managed to risk the horrendous rail trip too and regaled us with some gripping stories! Graham Birdsall's magazine carries

excellent latest UK sightings. Electrographics make big news and UFO magazine doesn't neglect it. The British Government warns.. but not US!... that an asteroid strike is long overdue... which means, natch, that "experts" on such are lying to US! Colin Andrews asserts, again, that a magnetic signature is evident in some crop circles. Roswell witness Max Brazel tells EXACTLY what he saw... part two article. Nick Pope interviewed on his new "sci. fi".. or is it ?.. book, Operation Lightning Strike. Oxford's Somerville University debates UFOs with the conclusion that 'we are not alone'. Once again a fascinating issue, still reckoned on being the UK's leading UFO publication.. many others going bust !!! ... UFO Magazine is well worth the £2.50 you'll pay at leading newsagents, and by subs from Lloyds Bank Chambers, West Street, Ilkley, LS29 9DW, West Yorkshire, at £13.50. subs made payable to Quest Publications International LTD.

CUFORG... The Cornwall UFO Research Group... publish an always interesting magazine and the Autumn Issue 30 is no exception.. possibly more from my point of view for the absolutely fascinating article by well known author Whitley Strieber; "The Reason For The Secrecy", four pages of rather complex Inner Consciousness, and much more in that vein... so much in line with where I am at nowadays it eventually makes sense, if a disturbing challenge to us ALL! Copies available from your truly if you REALLY feel it is for YOU! knowledge I have always thought, needs to be circulated, no matter how mind boggling it seems. We have to progress, but as a species, not individuals who nurse things to our breasts! The magazine also features sightings from the UK and more world-wide. Certainly the West Country seems to have its fair share. Fortean and World News features the ongoing "big cat" sightings in the West Country, alleged ET fingerprints discovered, in Australia, on a Mirror! A Sky at Night Section useful. CUFORG Magazine is a available at £12 a year, quarterly, from 24 Carina Road, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 3XB.

THE UNOPENED FILES .. For October / November 2000 is worth a review here.. not the least 'cos it had a free video on the Alan Godfrey / Zigmund Adamski incident discovered

at Todmorden, West Yorkshire in June 1980, which brought us up to date with the very latest and very odd details. Why Adamski's body should be found ontop of a coal heap, with a strange "burn" on his neck, minus items of clothing, unmarked with the coal dust he would have got while clambering up the coal, why his name should be synonymous with the well known and controversial George Adamski, of the early UFO encounter days... why why why all the now discovered secrecy etc that Alan Godfrey had to undergo... Well, the answer is still missing to this day! Not forgetting Godfreys later on close encounter and apparent abduction while he was still a police officer. Anyway, this Unopened Files issue also contains other intriguing stories: The Lindberg Mystery still having echoes today. The Klu Klux Klan, Concorde and that Russian sub disaster. The Ghost Route, SAS Secrets, etc etc. £2.95 including that video... well worth it as a periodical "extra" to UFO Magazine who publish it under the Quest International Ltd banner. If you missed this one try your newsagent who, I noted, still have some copies.. or watch out for the next issue.

OVNI... Omar Fowler's always interesting magazine turned up last minute at Steve G's place so here goes with the Editorial page giving pride of place... and why not ?.. to Omar's home ground of Derbyshire.. and I'm typing this at 6.30 a.m.. what dedication! 'Elusive' says Omar and so it seems... October 5th saw a lady and her husband at home near Matlock suddenly seeing a bright circular light hovering over a nearby wood. Events moved swiftly as Mrs RD got her 8mm camcorder.. the object seemed to sense this and moved towards their isolated cottage, eventually growing a pulsating light, then moved slowly sideways until increasing speed with two white points of light being seen when it disappeared in split seconds. Omar visited the witnesses who had never allowed for the existence of UFO's and the film was shown on their TV. The sighting took place in complete silence. A copy was arranged but subsequently the witnesses changed their minds and kept the video to themselves, even refusing BBC News and the media for any publicity. Although the Matlock Mercury featured the incident.. printed in OVNI. A BBC

broadcaster, well known, reported a 'gigantic' UFO passing over his Belper, Derbyshire, home on September 21st... diamond shaped with FOUR lights on each corner and one red centred, giving off a low humming sound. Air Traffic Control.. lying swine's !... said 'nothing in the area at the time. Omar's Phenomenon Research Association has one member who has filmed. 'often' and September was no exception.. some of her films show clear objects and others are blanked out. Also, note, over Belper, Bradford, Yorkshire, also has reports and a film taken in August of a definite triangular shape complete with a piece falling earthwards leaving a gap. Films of 'strange' light formations over Bradford are also shown in the mag. An M6 triangle, and a light that had several smaller ones independent of it reported from Ilkeston, Derbyshire, 31st October. OVNI also has a section for UFO activity in the USA.. right up to date.. plus a report on Stephen Greer's talk at Leeds UFO Conference... and another "near miss" by another asteroid ten times closer than the Halloween 4179 Toutatis and 'house sized'.. reported officially 'last week' by NASA... yes, folks... 2nd November! Reporter Mitch Battross believes all part of the total annihilation due and the "transition" into another dimension!

OK... OVNI available from 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9H at a quid a copy every two months.. try it, worth a place in your files.

BUFORA BULLETIN for August 2000 to hand... I'm a member now so get it by post !... smart blue cover and nicely printed and produced... UFO's behind the veil article by Brian Allen runs to FOURTEEN PAGES and see my comment further on as this lad seems to be another of the Albert Budden school of thought who dismisses all UFO and allied phenomena with a swipe of his PC... another with no practical or personal experience of the phenomena. The Bulletin... the rest of it !... has excellent reports by Brian James (our Avebury weekend) and Jac Solomon (Rendlesham Revisited) both on the weekend as each other although I see nothing too dramatic in that. More thoughts on that alien autopsy by Malcolm Robinson is full of commonness... that human quality sadly missing these days in high places...

and while the "alien" is consigned to the same dustbin as crop circle hoaxers it's Roswell source isn't.

A REPLY ... A POINT OF VIEW... TO BRIAN ALLAN. SPI BUFORA

Having read Brian Allan's two pager in the last SUFOG magazine, his FOURTEEN PAGE similar dismissing of the the apparently entire paranormal subject in the August 2000 BUFORA BULLETIN, plus his 10 page 'alternative evaluation' of the Scole Experiment book... which I have... (teasingly, or even provocatively) entitled by Brian "Whistling in the Dark", I have added the lad to likes of Albert Budden and, (excuse me, Kev) Kevin Mclure, none of whom seem to have had much actual EXPERIENCES of what we still call UFO's, or "ghosts", or "poltergeists", or "healing", or "time travel" which my own experiences lead me to call that "precognition" or in modern parlance "remote viewing", along with "OOBE's", "contact with the dead", and a sudden or increased "awareness" of the welfare of this planet.... as Whitley Strieber says in his 1998 book, "Confirmation" (Simon and Schuster): 'What induces close encounter memories is no garden variety stressor' and his foregoing list is by no means total, but most of which I can claim experiences of... not ALL... but MOST! Sometimes with witnesses! Brian probably doesn't know that my very recent talk for BUFORA in London included the showing of photographs, sharp, in full colour, etc, taken in 1999 in broad daylight, which appear to show... since no one has any other explanation.. a "dead" relative of a close friend, exactly superimposed over HER figure but wearing differently coloured clothes, while the surrounding scenery is "normal". My talk also included that 19th May video by our SUFOG Skywatch team... plain to see how an circled "light" TWICE the Southampton Water... yet ALL authorities locally and further afield denied anything was 'up'.. while the Under Secretary of State for Defence, Dr. Moonie, totally ignored the film and gave me the usual 'No Defence Significance'. Add to that... and my hopefully nearly finished book has many more such items over sixty years.. the sighting of a

daylight object in 1960 which was vainly pursued by two hurriedly scrambled Meteor jets was also totally denied by the airbase concerned within ten minutes. The UFO vanished into the clear blue March sky, leaving the jets floundering. morning 'Electromagnetic radiation', Brian? Take the post skywatch experiences in the Royal Victoria Park here ("A Strange Night... in SUFOG magazine) Brian's list of what probably DID affect the "haunted" chapel threw everything at it! However, SUFOG members who were THERE experienced a REAL happening although since one of them "became" one of the "soldiers" milling about near the chapel and was actually approached by a "nurse" who "spoke" to him comfortingly saving he would be 'alright now'. That lit candle in the topmost tower there was seen on both occasions and by others, visitors and staff, in previous incidents. My own experience some years ago... again, in the village.. when I was in the rather dark kitchen of the old terraced house I lodged in... of a small dog coming along the passage and going behind me when I THOUGHT I'd locked the landlady's Yorkie in the lounge is another case of how personal experiences make such people the EXPERTS.. not the theorists or the sceptics. Returning to lounge and speaking to the landlady I was amazed to see "Yorkie" siting alongside with his ears cocked at my voice. Asking my landlady had he 'got out' I was assured NOT. Describing the incident I said the little dog I'd seen had a lot of hair, apparently, around its neck, now I thought about it. She got down a dusty old photo album and turned to a photo of her "Griffon"... a sort of Yorkshire terrier with a lion-like mange... it had died some years brief... previously. Trying to keep this impossibility... could I ask Brian if those Meteor pilots had been near some electric pylons, as had the control tower officers, or had I? That "ghost dog"... the same question. Had the out of the body experience I had in 1933... 19333, an age when not too many electronic masts etc would be around, if any... been that "other reality" I am aware exists... I was aged nine at the time by the way... no UFO's known of then either!

Well, anyway, I'm not disposed to argue the case that Brian puts, pity he didn't attend my talk on the 6th November, I gave them both barrels from that 1933 right up to the present day and as James Millen, of the Witness Support Group I belong to, based in London, said... he was present.... I left the audience

'feeling what it was really like to be caught up in the "Close Encounter" experience and it's after effects'. Hey! I didn't mention the "angel" stuff, did I, with it's "coincidental" follow up. Gosh, better not get on that track! Read my book if it ever comes out... 18 years in the writing... or ask someone who was at the BUFORA talk I did.

Ernie Sears....

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR QUIZ..

ANSWER THE 10 QUESTIONS BELOW AND ALL ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY THE 1ST FEBRUARY 2001 AND THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A £10.

- 1. Who wrote UFO Magic in Motion?
- 2. What American state is Roswell in?
- 3. What are the names of the 2 'satellites' that orbit Mars?
- 4. What do these 2 Greek words (Question 3) translate as ?
- 5. Where was the famous piece of film footage taken on 15.8.50 filmed at (Place and State)?
- 6. What date was George Adamski born on and what country was he born in?
- 7. Who founded the Aetherius Society?
- 8. Where is the Sargasso Sea?
- 9. What was found in Tully, Queensland, Australia on the 26th January 1966?
- 10. When was the Socorro Incident:1st April 196012th March 19679th June 195724th April 1964

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The latter stages of human evolution could best be described as 'supernatural' evolution and it has to be said that 'the third alternative' does appear to be a very suitable candidate for A.R. Wallace's 'unknown variable.'

With regard to the mystery of the sudden appearance of our only convincing relatives, science itself, confirms the third alternative, rather than helping to prove DARWINIAN 'natural' evolution. How so? because the studies of the DNA of human blood show no connection with the ancient apes and bipeds and the analysis of mito-chondrial DNA indicate a *recent* origin for humankind.

If this fantastic proposition of E.T biogenetic creation did take place on earth, we can actually put a date on it of some 50-100 thousand years ago, with the appearance of CRO-MAGNON man. Our own science, particularly genetic science is advancing enormously and a gene has now been isolated that governs intelligence. Isolation of genes implies future control and manipulation of them. Science is predisposed to the existence of E.T. intelligence elsewhere, it would be ridiculous to suppose they would all be less advanced than ourselves.

After 180 million years dinosaurs were still chewing foliage on earth. How many E.T. intelligence's could have evolved elsewhere in that time, when we only assign a few million years to our own evolution? Could they have visited earth and suffered a primate recipient with intelligent genes and modified our body form? Perhaps truly advanced beings view intelligence as a gift worth bequeathing to lesser mortals such as ourselves.

The longevity of the UFO phenomena and ongoing abductions, imply a keen interest in humanity for some good reason, and more significantly a constant check on human genetic development. Dr. M. Jacobs has studied abductions and thinks they are real and that *hybrid* beings are produced. Perhaps E. T.'s noted our more negative behaviour as well as our positive achievements, and are attempting to 'breed out' such negative genes, the 'mistakes' of their predecessors, who *made* men in their image, so long ago.

Circumstantial Evidence in Support of 'The Third Alternative' or E.T. Biogenetic Human Creation Thesis.

- 1) Every earthly legend indicating creation by 'God' or 'gods'.
- 2) No ancient fossil links existing as evidence when Darwin wrote 'Origins' and not a single 100% complete skeleton of a missing link existing today when our museums are full of 65 million year old bones.
- 3) A.R. Wallace, Darwin's contemporary diverts from theory, sees an 'unknown variable' responsible for over-endowed human brain.
- 4) An exterior force, also greatly modifies and enhances human body form to accept expanded brain, defying genetic stability in everything else.
- 5) U.F.O manifestations since written history began and ongoing abductions indicating an avid interest in human genetic development. Human genetic material removed in *every* case.
- 6) A capacity for mathematics in the human brain, pre-equipping it for space travel capability.
- 7) Extra terrestrial activity and encounters in the bible. 'Angels' descending and ascending on 'Pillars of Fire' (now achieved by humans) ever since their statement (still in the plural) "Let us make men in our image."
- 8) Impossible to depict any family tree, back to any alleged 'ancestor' Scrappy human fossil recorded distorted and appearing more like an experiment than 'the ever improving' evolutionary ideal. 190 or so varieties of primate. All pithecoid ancestors preceding Cro-Magnon possibly additional varieties or primate.
- 9) Darwinian theory unsupported by science with studies of the D.N.A of human blood showing no connection with ancient apes or bipeds, mitochondrial D.N.A. analysis, indicates recent origin of humankind.
- 10) 65 million year old dinosaur bones in abundance. 'No convincing, Human ancestral skeletons'.
- 11) Cro-Magnon appears already evolved, upright and artistically creative with no predecessor [unrelated to strange Neanderthals]

I have set down all this compelling evidence in my book 'The Human Question', available from Unity Distribution, Unit One, South Folds Road, Corby, Northants. NN18 9EU.

Group meeting report for the 16th November 2000..

As always, we never know who is going to attend our meeting and although the usual faces appeared, it was nice to see two new faces and possibly two new members to the group.

We opened the meeting with the usual group update and why the newsletter is late (This was due to my heart attack scare and I told everyone that the October edition should be sent out by the 22nd/23rd November with the December edition hot on its tail...). We had a short break and everyone had a chance to talk to each other and share experiences with each other. Then, it was sit back in your seats time and lights out. I showed an excellent video just arrived from Australia. The video contains 2 short films of approx. 5 mins each and looked at the abduction / alien scenario.

Well, everyone was gob smacked with the first film, about an abduction, missing time etc and members commented on it to me as scaring them a bit and feeling rather 'strange' as they watched it. The second clip (computer generated) was not as hard hitting, but again drew comments.

Then, it was time for a bit of audio tape and we played Steve Riders 'Private' interviews with Chris Martin, Larry Warren and Peter Robbins, recorded at the 19th International UFO Conference at Leeds on the 17th September 2000. This is a somewhat amusing audio tape and those people there, I think thoroughly enjoyed audio tape. The one thing about this tape, is that it is possibly the last ever interview Larry Warren will give on the Rendlesham Forest Incident. Something that for me is worth its weight in gold. Then, we managed to listen to 10 mins of group member Bill Smith's interview with Timothy Good on the 25th October when he appeared at Waterstone's book shop in Southampton. This was very interesting but unfortunately ran out of time to hear it all and we hope to listen to the rest at our Christmas meeting.

So, the group made approx. £13.00 from this meeting and we sold 3 video tapes raising a further £18.00. Group funds are currently excellent and lets hope we do not have anymore disastrous meetings in 2001.

SUFOG PRO ERNIE SEARS SHARES SIXTY ODD YEARS OF THE PARANORMAL WITH London BASED BUFORA ON THE 6TH NOVEMBER 2000..

A flood stricken and atmospherically gloomy Southampton Central Rail Station set the scene for my 6th November trip to London.. fortunately those floods didn't create worse mayhem until after I'd returned on Tuesday! The journey up wasn't as bad as expected, except for the profusion of six mobile phones within six seats of your truly plus a laptop and associated papers festooned my half of the table from the guy next door. Fortunately, too he didn't ask if I minded as I had an answer ready. I got my own back by visibly reading Striebers "Confirmation" to the tune of eyebrows going up and eyes opening!

Met up with James Millen of the London Witness Support Group as we had arranged and he guided (?) me through the complexities of the Underground up to Tottenham Court Road... within ten minutes of the BUFORA venue for my 7.00 p.m. talk... and we spent an interesting afternoon in a decent if small cafe... of which there are plenty... catching up with the UFO scene etc. Later on we braved the rain and stopped off at a rather posh store where we were last in the cafe for a pot of tea. Then onto the International Quaker Centre, where being very early we were shown to a nicely warm and comfortable lounge to be woken up (well, I was !) by BUFORA's lecture organiser Malcolm Robinson, who spoke at our 1999 Conference and a previous group meeting.

He showed us to the lecture room... small but neat, and after sorting out magazines and such for sale and making sure our Southampton water video of the 19th May was ready to roll when required, sat back and watched as the room gradually filled. Fortunately the floods etc didn't affect the attendance and just a handful of seats were left in the 40 seater room. After a preliminary and short run through the programme and forthcoming ditto in 2001, I was introduced and got under way with my opener of that 1993 OOBE and following childhood encounters. The first hour passed swiftly... I was up to about the 1980's then, moving among my prompt list with one eye on my watch! The 15 minutes break also went quickly with people coming up for a chat and those spooky

photos I took in 1999 of a "dead" person came in for some discussion too!

Onto the second hour and it all seemed to cause interest.. my abduction, past memories, screen memories, etc, plus the Avebury trip and craft that we saw etc... and before you knew it the TV was on and there was that mysterious craft and the circling plane over Southampton Water... a buzz of excitement erupted. I followed that and ended the talk with the latest letter from the MoD on the encounter via my MP which was longer than usual.... More chat and then we retreated to the not so far Garfunkels restaurant.. six of us... and I settled for a very tasty bowl of Mushroom soup... at my age late food doesn't help my digestion! One always learns more from convivial companions on such occasions and so it was that UFO and and allied anecdotes went back and forth.

Then, off to Malcolm's car, with his lady Judith driving skilfully through the still busy late London streets... plenty of the vehicular fuzz about !... so that's where ours go? and after some 45 minutes pulled up at Malcolm's pad... and, ladies, and maybe gents, you'll be interested to know that the words "Mansion" emblazoned over the pillared front door meant just that! a HUGE place, carpeted wall to wall totally... even my four star en suite bedroom had a door and carpeted steps going down to a carpeted bathroom all chrome and white with shower and bath!... which I finally got to around 1.30 a.m. after a not unexpected long discussion... plus a healing session I offered to Judith who suffers migraine and back problems... the migraine went but the spine resisted all efforts!

The journey back next day was an anti climax... no real problems, just a slower train, and my Underground ignorance somehow saved me the fare required but don't ask me how!

Radio 4 - 17th November 2000.

Thanks to group member Dave Probert for this snippet. Author Georgina Bruni who's new book 'You can't tell the people' looks at the Rendlesham Forest UFO Mystery. Georgina was on Woman's Hour and was interviewed about the books contents and she said that new information has come to light. She also talked of her interview with the Iron Maiden - Maggie Thatcher who seemed to know more than she was letting on. A short interview of only around 10 minutes and well worth listening to. Lets hope the book uncovers some secrets that others have kept secret as in the interview, she has dug up a report/correspondence that has not seen the light of day since the incident, from a British officer at the time of the incident. Although airman Larry Warren has put the incident behind him, it appears that there is still one big cover-up still going on

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SUFOG OPEN DAY 21st October 2000 Report by SUFOG Secretary Steve Rider.

There was much anticipation as I looked out of the window that morning. The sky was threatening rain and I had a TV and Video to get from the house to the car. This would prove the hardest part of the day, which I managed without help, but it put me behind on time.

I arrived at Woolston Community Centre at approximately 8.45 a.m., and without hesitation began to set up ready for the day ahead. Steve Gerrard was already there. He had suffered from lack of sleep the previous night just as I had. With the help of Jean, Bill Smith's wife, we were ready to go by 9.45 a.m.

Steve Gerrard kicked of the day by showing some of the video footage shot by SUFOG members during some of our sky watches. The video segments were watched in silence by the small audience (more about this later) and Chris Martin, who had arrived about 10.45 a.m.

During the short interval I spoke to Chris about his bad week and about how we were hoping for a few people to arrive. At least Chris was feeling better, as he had had a touch of flu when I had phoned him a couple of days previous.

Next up to speak was Mr. Ernie Sears who presented a shortened version of his two hour long presentation, which dealt with his initiation into the subject and some of his subsequent exploits. His presentation was informative and interesting, from someone who has been in the business for as long as I have been on this earth.

Now, after much prompting to Ernie from Steve Gerrard, it was time for lunch. During which, I was able to chat to Chris while watching some of his footage, and eating a wonderful lunch prepared by Ann (Mrs Gerrard), who I must compliment for this. During the lunch break my father arrived minus his partner, Daphne, who was unable to attend due to illness. This was a great chance to get some photos of myself and Steve G with Chris, which my dad was only too happy to oblige.

After lunch it was time to settle back and watch Chris's presentation. I say settle back, this was more for the audience as I was doing the videoing and keeping an eye on Chris's superb camera. Anyway, Chris began and ended his talk with some of his

superb daylight UFO footage of anomalous spheres, he also showed footage of a triangular object recorded on two separate dates exactly two weeks apart, over Silbury Hill. This triangular object was totally silent, as you could hear traffic on the background on the video.

In-between his two sections of video footage, Chris spoke about his experiences, how he became involved in the subject, his experiences with his ex-partner Vicki and what happened following their parting. All in all his presentation was superb and an excellent insight into the events that are ongoing for Chris.

The whole day was highly enjoyable and was a credit to the hard work that was put into it by two certain people. You know who they are? If there was one thing that did take the shine off of the day, it had to be the lack of 'bums' on seats.

This event was planned over a very long period and people were notified well in This was done so that those advance. interested would know what we were planning before the date. It is months understandable that people do have other things to do and that things do come up at the last minute. However, the lack of support from the people that this was aimed at, this is not just group members, has cast a shadow over the event and caused those who planned it a considerable amount of concern. Should this of support from these UFOlogists continue, then in the future there may not be a group who are prepared to put themselves out to bring these worthy speakers to your doorstep. For those who did not attend, you are the ones who missed out!

Do not feel that I am 'having a go' at anyone, it needs to be put across how those of us feel when we put such time and effort into something only to see such a poor turnout on the day. These events are arranged for your benefit, in some cases at quite some expense. The group can not afford to keep making losses at these events. If it does, something will have to give! Enough grumbling!

Now we look to the future and see where we go from here. It is hoped that we can continue

to present you with the facts and with people who are willing to bring you their own stories and research.

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including a rather sweaty palmed Steve G filming myself and Chris with Chris's camera, a piece of kit worth a lot of money.

We finally let Chris go and settled to our seats for the first of the day's presentations, which were set out thus:

Dr. Bob and Ryan Wood
Lunch
Graham Birdsall and Russel Callaghan
Break
Martyn Stubbs
Leslie Willie

Dr. Bob and Ryan Wood were first up, this father and son team has been researching the alleged Majestic 12 documents for many years. The presentation was the results of their work so far. An informative lecture that had to be cut short for timing reasons, suggesting that they would normally need around two hours to fully present all the facts. by the end of this lecture I was left wondering what would be the next step in the MJ-12 saga. these documents obviously represent one of the biggest information leaks to date, or they represent a monumental fraud that has been perpetrated by the US military for many years. After listening to the arguments for the authenticity of the documents made by the Wood's it is clear that this debate is going to be alive and well for many years to come.

Our lunch break was spent tracking down and chatting with Larry Warren and Peter Robbins. we had wanted to chat to them together, but it was not possible. It was great speaking with them and it is something I will never forget. They are really great guys and it was nice to be able to strike up a friendship that quickly. I say friendship, because that is the feeling I was left with when I shook hands with them for the last time.

After lunch we sat and watched the presentations by Graham and Russell. Graham spoke only for about 40 minutes. He then introduced a guy who had recently video taped some daylight footage. The footage was shown and then they had a short discussion about the

events surrounding the film. I found the footage interesting especially as the object remained visible for some time.

Russel's presentation was not what I had expected and I found it to be very thought provoking. Russel showed film footage that he had taken in Mexico that showed even as top researcher might possibly be the target of a high tech fraud. He also showed ho it was possible to fake UFOs very like those photographed by Carlos Dias. This was done by utilising glass blowing, some paint, a light and some camera trickery to produce a Plasma-like UFO shooting a beam of light to the ground. it was a very eye opening presentation that just goes to show how careful we must be these days.

Finally we watched Graham chat with Martyn Stubbs, the guy from Canada who produced the footage contained in the Secret NASA Transmissions. Martyn discussed the story that lead up to his meeting with Russel and the release of the footage. However, this was over shadowed by the fact that Martyn had literally risked his life to come to Leeds to do his presentation. He is very ill with a brain tumour and flying causes a great risk with blood pressure etc. So it was humbling to know he was still prepared to come over to Leeds regardless.

Sadly, it was at this point that myself and Steve G, had to leave. We made our way back to the hotel to collect our bags, and then it was off to Leeds railway station. I must now add I am going to mention nothing about the journey home, except to say that I am disgusted with the service of Great North Eastern Railways.

So overall the weekend was a great success. Our accommodation was very good, even if the En Suite was a little on the 'little side' and every night we had some kind of altercation outside, but most big cities are like this now. The actual conference was superb, and I would like to compliment Quest on a job well done. All of those speakers was able to speak to were the greatest bunch of people I have met, I only hope our paths cross again.

Do I have any minuses about the weekend? Three... Firstly the trip home,

Enough said, Secondly the fact that Steve's footage was looked at by Quest and not shown and last but not least, the woman who complained to Graham Birdsall's wife saying that the first day, Saturday, was crap! What was this person expecting? Aliens waving and saying hello!

Will I go again next year? Well that depends on two things:

A: Who is speaking.

B: Next years petrol crisis!

Oh yeah, almost forgot. Also depends on the misses letting me go and the size of my savings account at the time. To tell the truth, we'll just have to wait and see.

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Matthew Williams In Court over Crop Circle Hoaxing....

Whilst sat listening to Radio 5's news at 11 a.m. on the 4th November, when there was the announcement, that Matthew Williams was the first person to be prosecuted for crop circle hoaxing. Matthew, who gave SUFOG a lecture back in 1999 on Rudlow Manor, was to appear on the 6th November at court after being charge with criminal damage. This was also heard on Wave 105 by group member Bill Smith. Then, on the 5th November, Ernie Sears (PRO) phoned to say that both the Daily Mail and The Express had run stories concerning the story. Well, although Matthew had admitted to circle hoaxing on a BBC program in 1999, one thought that was the last we would hear of it. According to Ernie, a spokesperson for the NFU (National Farmers Union) was happy that at last someone is being prosecuted. Also, Matthews house had been searched and a number of items including computer equipment and plan drawings were recovered.

My question now is three fold...

(1) Now that Matthew has been charged, what about the other crop circle hoaxers out there, Lundberg, Dickinson (Who on Friday the 3rd November appeared on a TV program talking about crop circle hoaxing and telling everyone how to do it and about his web site that tells you how to create crop circles) and of course Doug Bowers and the others out there who's names I am not mentioning just yet. Are these people going to be prosecuted, as they have all appeared on TV and in the press (See Daily Mail 3rd September 2000) admitting to hoaxing crop circles and in effect causing criminal damage.

- (2) Will the NFU (National Farmers Union) come forward and prosecute the afore-mentioned names and have them charged with criminal damage?
- (3) Also, will the National Newspapers be prosecuted, as some of them have 'PAID' people to hoax circles on their behalf..?

I feel that none of the above will take place and that Matthew Williams will be made the scape goat over this. Who dropped Matthew in it? Was he caught in the Bishops Canning formation he is accused of creating? Will anyone out there stand up and support him? I doubt it.

SUFOG AND THE TV..

It appears that Steve Gerrard (Chairman) will be interviewed for a 24 minute TV program to be aired on the Discovery Channel. The program looks at peoples interests and hobbies... and guess what... Mines UFO's. I am not sure when filming will take place, but hopefully December 2000 / January 2001. The aim of the program is to interview me and find out how I got involved in the subject etc. Also, other group members may be involved and the TV crew are hoping to come out with us for a sky watch in the evening or come along to one of our group meetings on a Thursday evening. So, when I get more information, I will let you all know. Until then, signed photographs of myself will be made available as I am now a star!!!!



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THE 2001 GROUP CALENDAR.

As you can see I have enclosed a copy of the group calendar for the year 2001. I am hoping that the dates will stay the same, but a few may have to be moved or changed around. I am planning for our April group meeting to in fact make it a trip out to Toot Hill observatory. A mini bus will be booked and depending on the cost, hopefully around £2 - £3.50 ahead, we can visit the observatory and be shown around. The plan would be to meet at our usual venue and go from there and return at around 10 p.m. As you can see we are planning to go to Avebury again in 2001 and we will need monies for this in by the first week of July. So, when I get the mini bus booking confirmed, I will let everyone know the cost. As in 2000, I am hoping that the weekend will cost between £10 - £15. This will include hot food Saturday night, Sunday morning. So, start saving and pencil this date in your calendar.

You will see 3 other items listed... April 8th, I am giving a talk at the Dorchester conference and I hope to be able to take one or two people with me. Ticket prices etc nearer the time. If, there is enough interest,

then maybe we could look again at mini bus. Then in October, both myself and Steve Rider will be giving a talk to BUFORA in London about UFOlogy in Southern England and taking video and slide material with us for our presentation. Finally, on the 19th November 2001, I have been invited to give a talk in Norwich to a group. So, this will be a 2 day trip and I hope to take some SUFOG merchandise to sell when I am there to help with expenses etc. So, 2001 looks to be a very busy month and no doubt other things will creep into the calendar dates and I will try and keep everyone abreast of the events etc. including sky watches.

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October 18th
November 15^{th:} AGM.
December 20th

Dorchester Lecture April 8th

Avebury Trip. 4th / 5th August

BUFORA Lecture October 2nd

One Day Conference / Lecture. 27th October (There is a possibility this could be cancelled in mid 2001)

Norwich Lecture
19th November